



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Mr. Joe Coto

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### Warning Letter Re: Joe Coto

Dear Mr. Coto:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is a result of a pro-active investigation begun against you by the FPPC that alleged you failed to disclose the address of income you received from Seville. We are closing this matter with a warning letter.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you reported income received from Seville on your 2012 Candidate Statement of Economic Interests ("SEI"), but failed to disclose the address of this business entity.

Government Code section 87207(a)(1), requires the address of each source of income aggregating five hundred dollar (\$500) or more. Your actions violated the Act because you failed to provide the address for the income you received from Seville. You must immediately file an amendment to your Candidate SEI to disclose this address. However, because you disclosed all other information such as the gross income received, and the consideration for which the income was received, we are closing this matter with a warning letter.

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk  
Chief, Enforcement Division

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